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Before me, Lieutenant Colonel Henry H. Mize, JAGD, personally appeared Lieutenant Colonel Guivante de Saint Gast and Lieutenant Jean Veith, both of the French Army, who were made known to me, and who being by me first duly sworn made the following statement in the handwriting of Lieutenant Veith under oath:

The undersigned:

Guivante de Saint Gast, Lt Colonel, Chef de Mission de 1ère Classe, Carte d'identité militaire, BCRA MCPA # Promontoire N° 510, Immatriculé FFC Londres RU1. Carte d'identité de Rapatrié N° 72352 delivered in Annecy (France). Ordre of Mission of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, Ministry of Prisoners and Deportes dated May 4th 1945 N° 16772. Detained in the Concentration Camp of Mauthausen from March 18th 1944 till April 22nd. 1945, N° 57876, having been employed at the ~~Office of di~~ ARBEITSEINSATZ (Office of distribution of work) from August 16th 1944 till April 22nd. 1945 as auxiliary and as titulary

VEITH, Jean, Lieutenant, Chargé de Mission de 2e Classe, Carte d'identité de Rapatrié N° 403927 delivered at Annecy. Ordre of Mission of the Provisional Government of the French Republic, Ministry of Prisoners and Deportes dated May 4th N° 16774. Detained in Mauthausen from April 22nd 1943 till April 22nd 1945, N° 28645, having been employed at the Politische Abteilung from June 2nd 1943 to June 25th 1943, at the Arbeitseinsatz from

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to take into consideration such missing prisonners because they had been transferred "In geheimer Reichssache" (Secret affairs of the Reich) and insisted upon the complete disappearance of all traces of the names.

In many cases, due to ~~errors of~~ transmission errors, the fatal "K" indication was not immediately given with the transfer and followed several days or several weeks later. Lt Col. de Saint Gast & Veith certified having received in their service cancellation orders from the Politische Abteilung concerning such prisonners. ~~As numbers were registered and they had to~~ As upon their arrival such "K" prisonners had, by mistake received a camp number, they had to disappear in the Numbers Register of the Camps and for this purpose rectification order was made ~~under~~ in the following hypocritical form: "~~The~~ prisonner X, N°: ...., birth place, birth date ~~is actually, is actually~~ in actually called (heisst richtig) prisonner Y, N°: ...., diffrent birth place and date

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June 26th 1943 to August 15th 1944, as foreman
of the cartographic and mecanographic ~~work~~ Hollerith
services till their dissolution in february 1945
and since, till his liberation at the Lagerstrafbaracke
(night shift)
I the residing in Paris (17e) 20, Rue de Saussure
relate and certify under oath the following
facts:

In Mauthausen existed several treatments
of prisonners, amongst them the "action K or
Kugel" (Bullet action). Upon the arrival of
transports, prisonners with the mention "K" ~~were~~
they were not registered, got no numbers and their
names remained unknown except for the officials
of the Politische Abteilung. (Lt. VEITH had the
opportunity of hearing upon the arrival of a transport
the following conversation between the Hauptsturmführer
STREITWIESER and ~~the~~ chief of the convoy:
"How many prisonners?" "15 but two K"
"Well that makes 13")

The ~~pri~~ K prisonners were taken directly
to the prison where they were enclosetted and
taken to the "~~bat~~ bathrooms" – This bathroom in

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the cellars of the prison building near the crematory was specially designed for executions (shooting and gassing).

The shooting took place by means of a measuring apparatus. The prisoner being backed towards a metrical measure with an automatic contraption releasing a bullet in his neck as soon as the ~~wooden~~ moving plank determing his height touched the top of his head.

If a transport consisted of too many "K" prisoners, instead of loosing time for the "immunation" they were exhumined by gas sent into the bath room instead of ~~the bath~~ water. ~~Hanging the prisoners~~

During his time as foreman at the Holleritte section Mr Veith frequently received transfer sheets from other camps mentionning prisoners which did not appear on the entry list of Mauthausen. In such cases the Politische Abteilung very reluctantly used to give the information that the camp services had not

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~~In those~~ Such rectification orders ~~of~~ should be found in the ~~papers~~ documents of the ARBEITSEINSATZ as far as they have not been destroyed.

This statement has been made voluntarily in the handwriting of Lt. VEITH, who understands English and who has truly translated the same to Lt Cl. de Saint Gast prior to his signing the same.

R. de Saint Gast Jean Veith.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May 1945.

HENRY H. MIZE
Lt Col. JAGD

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